

## **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM** ***(49 U.S.C. §5303)***

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Program (MTPP) funds are available to carry out the transportation planning process and meet the programming requirements of the joint FTA/FHWA planning regulations, "Planning Assistance and Standards," 23 C.F.R. Part 450 and 49 C.F.R. Part 613. FTA apportions MTPP funds to the States based on a set of formulas: 80% of the funds available is apportioned according to an urbanized area population based formula; the remaining 20% is provided to the states based on an FTA administrative formula to address planning needs in larger, more complex urbanized areas with one million or more population. Acting as the FTA grantees, the States distribute these funds to each urbanized area, or portion of an urbanized area, within the state according to a formula developed by the State and approved by FTA. All States have either reaffirmed or developed in consultation with their MPOs, a new allocation formulas as a result of the 2000 Census.

The MPP provides financial assistance, through the States, to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) to support the costs of preparing long-range transportation plans and financially-feasible TIPs, required as a condition of obtaining Federal Capital Program and Urbanized Area Formula Program grants for transit projects.

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## **STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROGRAM** ***(49 U.S.C. §5304)***

The Statewide Transportation Planning Program (STPP) is a source of Federal financial assistance to the States for Statewide transportation planning and other technical assistance activities, planning support for nonurbanized areas, research, development and demonstration projects, fellowships for training in the public transportation field, university research, and human resource development. The specific requirements of Statewide transportation planning are set forth in 49 U.S.C. 5304 and further explained in 23 C.F.R. Part 450 and 49 C.F.R. Part 613. As with the MPP, the State is the FTA grantee for this program.

In FY 2007, FTA obligated almost \$83,577,181million for Statewide planning.

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